units on a prorata basis subject to availability. At present the total allotment is about 66 per cent of entitlement.

Legislation to safeguard the interests of farm labourers

1140. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to initiate any fresh legislation to safe guard the interests of the farm labourers throughout the country; and

(b) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The proposal for enactment of a Central Legislation for agricultural workers was considered at the 37th Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 7th November, 1988. The general view was that the problem was not one of lack of central legislation but more of implmentation of the existing laws such as, Minimum Wages Act, Equal Remuneration Act and other laws, which cover agricultural labour within their ambit.

क्षेत्रीय फिल्मों के उप-शीर्षक

1141. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दूरदर्शन द्वारा टेलीकास्ट किए जाने वाली क्षेत्रीय फिल्मों के उप-शीर्षक केवल अंग्रेजी में दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं, क्या यह त्रिभाषा सूत्र तथा राजकीय भाषा अधिनियम का उल्लंघन है, और

(ख) ऐसी फिल्मों के उप-शीर्षक कब तक दोनों भाषाओं में दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच. के. एल. भगत) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली दूरदर्शन पर दिखाई जाने वाली प्रादेशिक भाषाओं की सभी फीचर फिल्में टेलीकास्ट करने के लिए निर्माताओं/टी.वी. अधिकारधारकों द्वारा दूरदर्शन को प्रदान की जाती हैं । उप-शीर्षकों के साथ फिल्मों के प्रिंट भी उन्हीं के द्वारा सप्लाई किए जाते हैं । निर्माता केवल दूरदर्शन पर टेलीकास्ट करने के लिए ही नहीं बल्कि अन्तरराष्ट्रीय प्रसार की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने की दृष्टि से अंग्रेजी में उप-शीर्षक करवाते हैं । त्रिभाषा सूत्र या राजभाषा अधिनियम इस मामले में प्रासंगिक नहीं हैं ।

फिल्मों के उप-शीर्षक हिन्दी में करवाने की सुविधाएं सभी फिल्म निर्माण केन्द्रों में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं । यदि निर्माताओं/टी.वी. अधिकारधारकों द्वारा हिन्दी उप-शीर्षकों के साथ प्रादेशिक भाषा की फिल्में प्रदान की जाती है तो दूरदर्शन हिन्दी उप-शीर्षकों के साथ इन्हें टेलीकास्ट करने पर विचार करेगा ।

Setting up of food processing industries in Andhra Pradesh

1142. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some food processing industries in the central sector in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecast of 'Sarb Sanjhi Gurbani'

1143. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme entitled 'Sarb Sanjhi Gurbani' as is being telecast by Doordarshan in the morning sessions on Sundays, is likely to continue even after the contract with its existing sponsorers expires;

(b) if so, the date on which the contract with its existing sponsorers will expire and

whether any fresh contract with existing/ new sponsorers has been made; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The programme 'Sarb Sanjhi Gurbani' had been telecast on Doordarshan as a Sponsored Programme with effect from 1-8-82 till 19-6-88. The contract with the sponsors expired on 19-6-88. No fresh contract has been signed as Doordarshan decided to telecast its own Shabad Kirtan programme in place of 'Sarb Sanjhi Gurbani', which has since been started.

Agricultural labourers in the country

1144. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of agricultural labourers at present, what it was in 1950-51 during the First Five Year Plan and what has been the percentage increase thereon, whether the work opportunity for them in agricultural operations has increased proportionately; and

(b) by what percentage agricultural production has increased during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The number of agricultural labourers as per Population Census 1951 and 1981 together with percentage increase is given below:

Year	Agricultural labourers (in millions)*
1951	20.11
1981	55.50
Percentage increase in 1981 over 1951	176

*Excludes Assam where Census could not be underraken in 1981.

Although there has been some increase in the work opportunities in the agricultural operations, it has not kept pace with the increase in the number of agricultural labourers. However, the Government of India are implementing a number of schemes to provide additional/supplemental employment opportunities in the rural areas like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and Self-Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB) are also implementing a number of schemes generating employment in the rural areas through handlooms, handicrafts and village industries. Besides, a few State Governments are implementing their own employment programmes in rural areas. Employment Guarantee Schemes (EGS) of Maharashtra and Emergency Rehabilitation for Rural Poor (ERRP) of Orissa are only two of such programmes which may be mention in this connection. Most of the States have Scheduled Castes|Tribes Corporations, Women Development Corporations and Economically Weaker Sections Corporations which have the creation of employment opportunities as one of their main objectives for special target groups. Government of India participates in their activities by contributing to their share capital.

(b) The all India index numbers of agricultural production (all crops), with triennium ending 1969-70 as the base period, for the years 1950-51, 1980-81 and 1987-88 together with percentage increases over 1950-51 are given below:

Agricultural year (July-June)	Index No.	Percentage increase over 1950-51
1950-51 . . .	58.5	
1980-81	135.3	+131.3
1987-88 (Provisional)	148.4	+153.7